

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A transport apparatus adapted to convey an article in a predetermined conveyance direction, comprising:

a trough in which the article to be conveyed is adapted to be placed, the trough including one of a first protruding part and a depressed part; and

a reciprocating movement mechanism having a rotation motor and ~~a parallel link~~ including first and second support members to support the trough with the first and second support members being spaced apart in the predetermined conveyance direction, the rotation motor being operatively coupled to ~~the parallel link~~ the first and second support members to transmit a rotary force in one rotational direction to pivotaly move ~~oscillate~~ the first and second members while the first and second members are maintained parallel to each other to reciprocatingly move the trough via pivoting movements of the first and second support members ~~the parallel link~~ along the conveyance direction of the article such that a movement of the trough in a direction opposite the conveyance direction is faster than a movement in the conveyance direction, at least one of the first and second support members of the parallel link including the other of the first protruding part and the depressed part,

the first protruding part being removably connected to the depressed part.

2. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one of the first and second support members of the parallel link has the depressed part that faces vertically upward.

3. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein:
at least one of the first and second support members has the depressed part that faces horizontally.

4. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein
the second support member has the depressed part facing horizontally, and is located at a position shifted in the direction opposite the conveyance direction relative to the first support member, and
the depressed part of the second support member faces the conveyance direction.

5. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the first protruding part is provided on an underside surface of the trough.

6. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein
the first and second protruding parts are provided on only one lateral side of the trough.

7. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein
a conveyance direction center of the first and second support members is shifted in the direction opposite the conveyance direction relative to a conveyance direction center of the trough.

8. (Previously Presented) A combination weighing apparatus, comprising:
the transport apparatus according to Claim 1;

a weighing unit configured to weigh material fed by the transport apparatus;
a stock unit configured to store the material weighed by the weighing unit;
a control unit operatively coupled to the weighing unit and the stock unit to conduct combination weighing and select material to be discharged; and
a discharge unit configured to discharge the material selected by the control unit.

9. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the trough has the first protruding part and a second protruding part, and the first support member has the depressed part removably connected to the first protruding part and the second support member has a depressed part that is removably connected to the second protruding part.

10. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein at least one of the first and second support members has the depressed part that faces vertically.

11. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces horizontally.

12. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the depressed part of the first support member faces horizontally in the direction opposite the conveyance direction.

13. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces vertically.

14. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein both of the first and second protruding parts are provided on an underside surface of the trough.

15. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the depressed part and the first protruding part are corresponding in size.